

SGA Boys Basketball Program Revived

After years of not having a basketball team, the Saint George Academy (SGA) basketball program was recently revived by SGA's new Athletic Director, Mr. Raymond Polanco who went on to oversee a successful 2019-2020 season.

The team was coached by Keanu Jules, a former SGA alumnus, as well as two assistant coaches, Jaelen Summers and Elijah Williams.



The SGA basketball team with Athletic Director Ray Polanco (L) and Coach Keanu Jules (R)

SGA seniors Ethan Messina and Anthony Susana served as co-captains for the 12-person team, which endured a challenging season. Although the team record for the season was 1-12, the team learned to play well together and showed incredible heart and competitiveness.



SGA Basketball team during their first home game

One of the most memorable games took place between the SGA team and Success Academy High School from Harlem, NY. Whereas, the average height of the SGA basketball players was 6', Success Academy's players had an average height of 6', 6" with two players reaching heights of 6'9" and 6'11".

Yet despite the extreme difference in size, the SGA team showed incredible courage and teamwork against such odds. And in the end, although the SGA basketball team did not win the game, they put up a valiant fight!



Mr. Polanco watches the game with two SGA student volunteer helpers

The response of the SGA students and faculty to the new basketball program was also very encouraging. Many students volunteered to work together with Mr. Polanco and Coach Keanu afterschool to help during the games with set up, clean up and keeping score. Others, including numerous faculty members, came out to watch the games and cheer on their team.

We congratulate the SGA basketball team, their coaches and Athletic Director, Mr. Polanco, on a success first season and look forward with great enthusiasm to next year!